

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

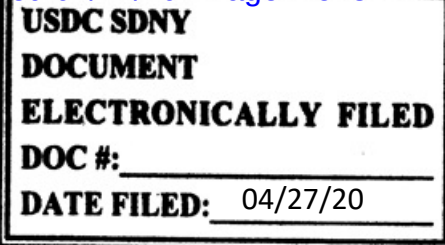
XIAMIN ZENG,

Plaintiff,

-against-

JOHN CHELL, et al.,

Defendants.



ORDER

19-CV-3218 (JGK) (KHP)

KATHARINE H. PARKER, United States Magistrate Judge.

On April 23, 2020, the parties appeared for an Initial Case Management Conference. After review of the pleadings and consultation with the parties, the following Scheduling Order is entered pursuant to Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure:

Pleadings and Parties. The parties may amend the pleadings or join additional parties until **May 31, 2020**.

Discovery. All fact discovery shall be completed by **November 19, 2020**. Any interim deadlines may be adjusted by the parties without further order of the Court.

Status Letter. The parties are directed to file a letter updating the Court as to the status of the case by no later than **June 23, 2020**.

Rule 1 and Rule 26(b)(1). The parties shall comply with Rule 1 and Rule 26(b)(1) in the conduct of discovery.

Document Requests. Counsel shall be fully familiar with their obligations under Rules 34 and 26(g) and consider and discuss ways to ensure compliance and minimize disputes regarding overbreadth and specificity of requests and responses. A failure to comply with this

responsibility carries serious consequences. Requests for “any and all” documents on a broad topic are presumptively improper. Likewise, courts have held that an objection that does not appropriately explain its grounds is forfeited. *See, e.g., Wesley Corp. v. Zoom T.V. Prods., LLC*, No. 17-100212018, 2018 WL 372700, at *4 (E.D. Mich. Jan. 11, 2018); *Fischer v. Forrest*, No. 14 Civ. 01304, 2017 WL 773694 (S.D.N.Y. Feb. 28, 2017) (“[A]ny discovery response that does not comply with Rule 34’s requirement to state objections with specificity (and to clearly indicate whether responsive material is being withheld on the basis of objection) will be deemed a waiver of all objections (except as to privilege).”).

Discovery Disputes. The parties shall follow the Court’s Individual Procedures with respect to any discovery disputes. *See* <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-katharine-h-parker>.

Summary Judgment Motion. Although the parties do not presently anticipate a dispositive motion, any party that wishes to file a motion for summary judgment shall file a pre-motion letter with the Hon. John G. Koeltl by no later than December 19, 2020 in accordance with Judge Koeltl’s individual practices.

Pro Se Legal Clinic. The Clinic is run by a private organization called the New York Legal Assistance Group; it is not part of, or run by, the Court. The Clinic is currently open for phone appointments only. To make an appointment, Plaintiff should call 212-659-6190. Plaintiff is encouraged to contact the Clinic to request help drafting requests for documents and other information.

Chambers has mailed a copy of this order to the *pro se* Plaintiff.

Dated: New York, New York
April 27, 2020

SO ORDERED.



KATHARINE H. PARKER
United States Magistrate Judge